

In the Claims:

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) A host device comprising the system board of claim 13.

9. (Original) The host device of claim 8, wherein the host device is a computer.

10. (Original) The host device of claim 8, wherein the host device is one of the group consisting of a network router, a TV set top box and a mobile device.

11-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A system board comprising:

(a) a connector that includes:

(i) a first **[[USB]]** port situated at an exterior edge of the system board and facing outward from said exterior edge, and

(ii) a second **[[USB]]** port, substantially functionally identical to said first **[[USB]]** port and facing inward to an interior of the system board; and

(b) a peripheral device;

(i) that includes a single port for directly operationally connecting said peripheral device to another device.

- (ii) that is directly operationally connected to said inward-facing port by said single port ~~and configured to be directly operationally connected only to said inward-facing port, and~~
- (iii) that is directly operationally connected to no other device.

14-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The system board of claim 13, wherein said peripheral device is electrically connected to the system board only via said inward-facing port.

19-22. (Canceled)

23. (New) The system board of claim 13, wherein said first and second ports are USB ports.